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We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 133-134 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:**

<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn: 825 *Rise, Shine, You People*

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *LSB 394 v. 2*

2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending or a specific tempo. The lyrics are: '2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme; And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine; An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.'

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5 (EHV)

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent.

For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet,

until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch.

² *Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory.*

You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you.

³ *Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand,*

and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

⁴ *You will never again be called Abandoned,*

and your land will never again be called Desolation,

for you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married,

because the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married.

⁵ *For just as a young man marries a virgin, your sons will marry you,*

and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (EHV)

P The second reading is from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

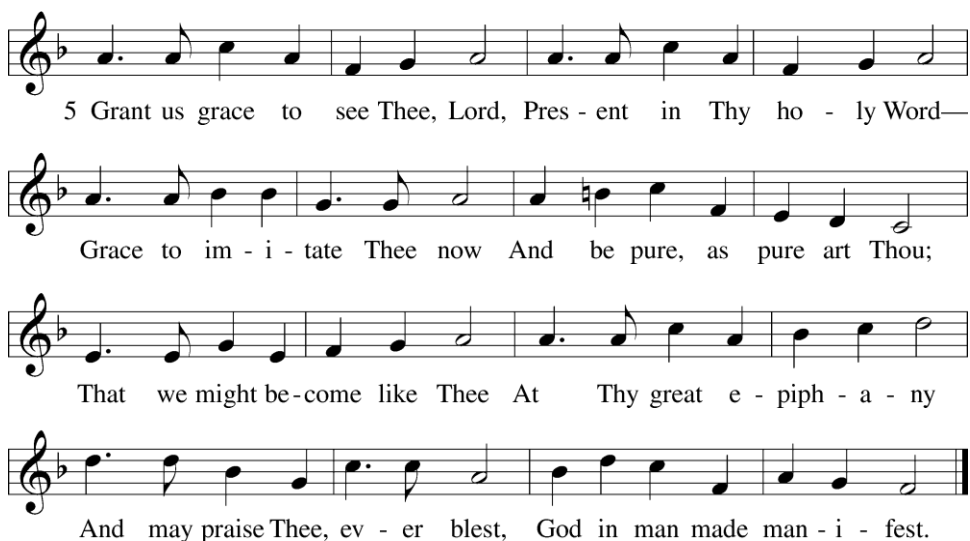
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. ³ Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ *There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.* ⁵ *There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord.* ⁶ *There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.*

⁷ *Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* ⁸ *To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it;* ⁹ *by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts.* ¹⁰ *Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues.* ¹¹ *One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.*

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

“Grant Us Grace to See Thee, Lord” LSB 394 v. 5



5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

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**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 602 *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

***5. The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.***

***6. All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!***

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Sermon Text: John 2:1-11 (EHV)

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did. ⁹ When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!" ¹¹ This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon Theme: What Does this Text REVEAL About Jesus? – Jesus' First Miracle

It REVEALS...

✝ 1) ... that Jesus is _____ .

† 2) ... that Jesus is _____ & _____.

† 3) ... Jesus' _____ & Strengthens our _____ .

Application: What miracles does Jesus still perform for us today?

Offertory

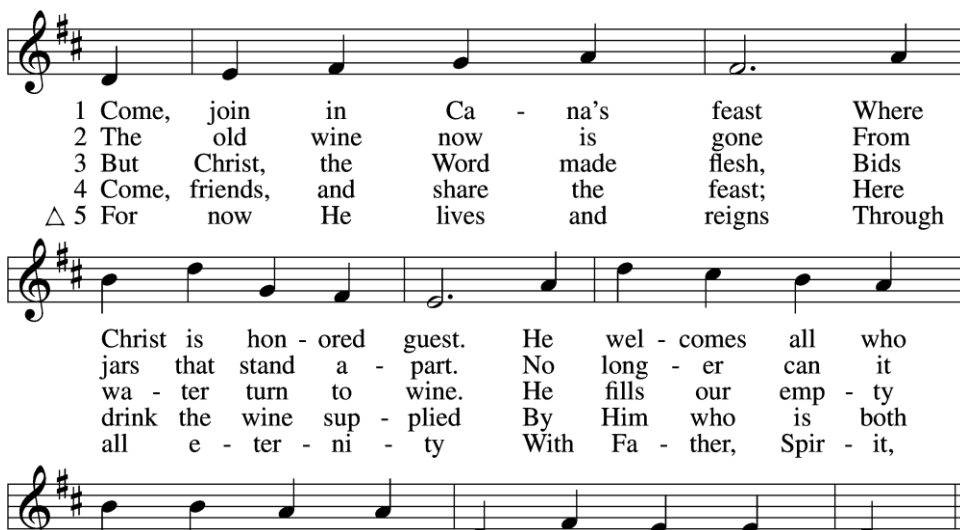
LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Sermon Hymn: 408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast (please stand for last verse) LSB 408



1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where
 2 The old wine now is gone From
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here
 △ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through

Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,

come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

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Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

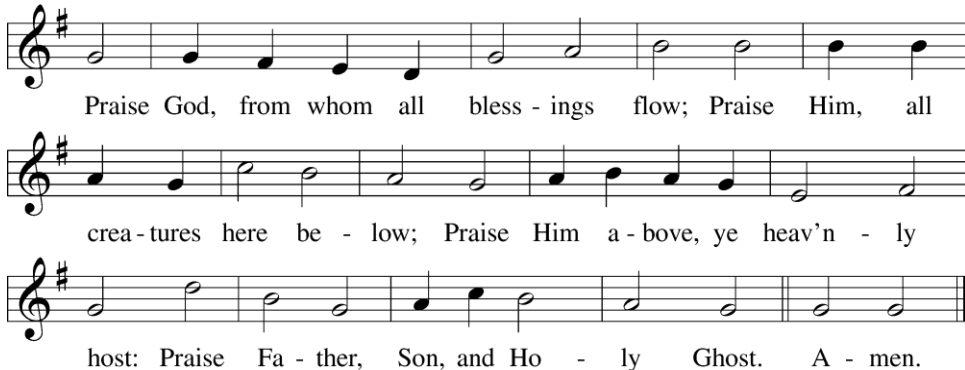
- ☐ **Our Father** who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

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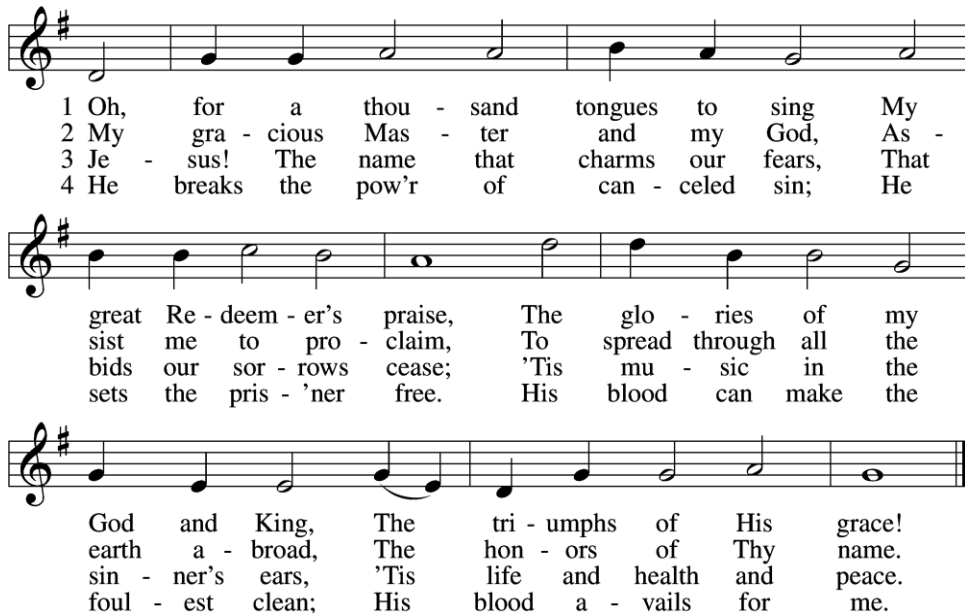
LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *(please stand for last verse)*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
 great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

***5. Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.***

***6. See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.***

***7. To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am
Worship – 10am**

**St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Bible Class – 2pm**

This Week: Saturday – **Women's Retreat** (via Zoom) – **9am-11am** (see note below)

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am
1/29/23 Worship – 10am
Voter's Annual Meeting – 11am**

**St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Bible Class – 2pm**

Annual Voter's Meeting & Annual Reports – NEXT Sunday, January 29th @ 11am –
Our annual voter's meeting and annual reports will be held **NEXT Sunday, January 29th at 11am.**
A reminder to all of the committee chairmen that your reports need to be turned in by **TODAY**
Sunday, January 22nd. Please email your reports to Pastor Luke: LBernthal@live.com.

National Women's Retreat (Virtual)—You're Invited! - A women's event is planned for two hours **NEXT Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)**, via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: Our God in All Seasons."

The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations in a panel session highlighting God's guiding hand across the seasons of life. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause01282023> This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with other St. Stephen participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available!

Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!

CLC News – Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, *has been called* to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ *has been called* to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran Church and School, Lynwood, WA. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WI, *has been called* to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> President Michael Eichstadt has announced his resignation as CLC President due to health concerns. Vice Pres. Michael Wilke will serve as president for the remainder of this term. His letter to the CLC pastors is below:

Dear brothers:

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps" (Prov. 16:9). While we make plans; thankfully, the Lord directs and sometimes redirects them according to His good will. I have been particularly aware of that over the past couple of months. I thank the Lord for His care for body and soul, and I thank you for your prayers in my behalf. By God's grace, I'm feeling well and back to my normal routine.

However, after much prayer and thought, it is clear that, due to health considerations, it is time to step down from the CLC presidency. My heart condition will require ongoing monitoring and treatment, and it seems prudent to take things down a notch when it comes to workload and time commitment.

I praise God for His gift of calling me to serve as president over the past years. What a privilege it has been to work with our CLC boards and officers in directing the kingdom work among us! It has been a joy to see from the "front row" how the Spirit is working to bring in more of the Savior's harvest from all corners of the world. The Word does not return empty. It truly is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Thank you for your kind words and encouragement over the years, and especially for your prayers that the Spirit would bless our partnership in the gospel. May He continue to do so until the Savior returns.

President Mike Wilke and I have spoken. We are making plans to meet soon in order to facilitate a smooth transition of duties.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Michael Eichstadt